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Right wing candidate takes city by-election

Independents big losers in Centre-Sud

BY DAVE LEY

Montréal mayor Jean Doré received a message of discontent Sunday when a huge majority of voters in the St-Jacques ward by-election voted for Sammy Forcillo, a candidate for the opposition Civic Party.

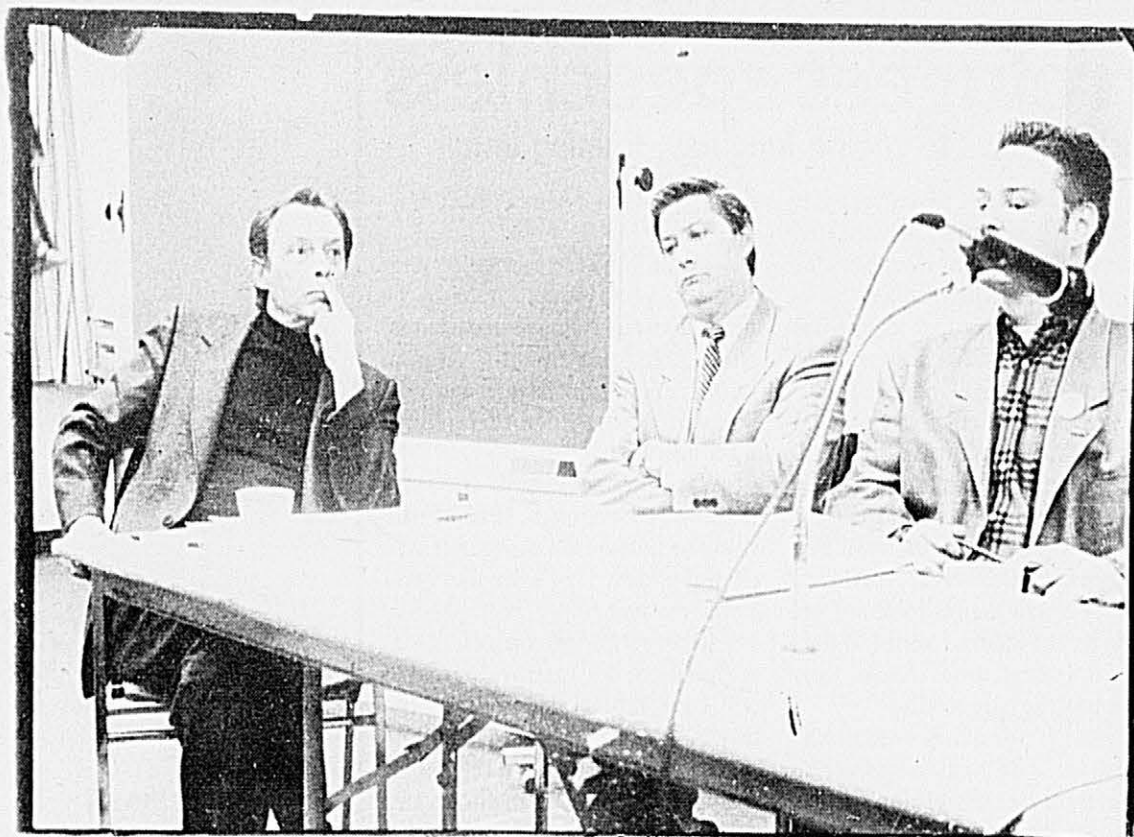
The vote was not only frustrating for the ruling Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM) but also for many progressive candidates, who fared badly.

There were twelve candidates running in the race. Forcillo, won by a margin of 71 per cent or 2062 votes. His campaign platform included cleaning up the battered St-Jacques district, which includes the gay village, Chinatown, Old Montréal and a large portion of the downtown area.

"The people have sent a message to city hall," said Forcillo. "People know me very well here and they want someone who can represent them, and they are tired of the problems in the area."

However, other candidates fear that Forcillo, whose right-wing Civic Party is a reincarnation of former mayor Jean Drapeau's party, is no better a choice than the MCM candidate Claude Watters.

"We should never forget that it was the Drapeau administration that demolished the southern part of the St-Jacques district to build a highway," said Ecology Montréal



Sammy Forcillo, St-Jacques by-election winner at centre.

candidate Bernard Bourbonnais, who came in third with 469 votes.

"Residents of the district are still suffering the deleterious effects of the Drapeau administration's poor urban planning," said Bourbonnais. "We need only look to the number of vacant lots and the serious housing problems for evidence of past mistakes."

All agreed that the vote was a message to the MCM of dissatisfaction of the Doré administration.

Watters, a local community activist, came second with 619 votes. He could not be reached for comment.

Despite the plethora of independent candidates running, party candidates still took the top four po-

sitions in the polls. Douglas Buckley-Couvrette, an independent candidate running on a gay rights platform, placed fifth in the polls with 103 votes. Some see this as a re-affirmation of the need for political parties on the municipal level.

"People who are voting against the MCM will vote for someone they think will win," said Michael

Hendricks, who helped organize Buckley-Couvrette's campaign. "The progressive independents in the election were badly organized, badly funded, and didn't work as hard enough."

The other independent, Gregory Tuthko, also running on a platform of gay rights, was supported by three independent Montréal city councillors, but only received 52 votes.

Forcillo himself attributed his victory to his longtime involvement in the area, his experience as councillor for the riding during the last years of Drapeau, and to peoples frustration with the MCM administration and the decline of their neighborhood. He said he plans to work to clean up the district.

"We know what the problems are and we must meet with police and community groups," said Forcillo. "We need to resolve the problems of prostitution and drugs in the area."

Voter turnout in the by-election was 30 per cent, a higher figure than the 1990 general election, when only 26 per cent of eligible voters in the district cast ballots.

Also running in the race were Guy Bertrand, independent, Jean-Luc Bonspeil, independent, Micheal Bedard, White Elephant Party, Richard Cardinal, Bloc Municipal, Jean Lasalle, independent, Patricia Metivier, independent and the only women running, and Michael Prairie, independent (Communist League).

Teaching assistants closer to unionising

BY FIONA MCCAW

McGill's teaching assistants are one step closer to forming a union after a late October decision by the Québec labour board.

Enough potential members of the new union signed membership cards, between 35 and 50 per cent, that a referendum will be held on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of November to decide the fate of the union.

Jean-Pierre Bordeau of the union organizing committee, a Sociology TA, said he was pleased with the labour board's decision and optimistic about the referendum.

"It's just what I wanted," said Bordeau. "I predict a win. From what I hear on campus our members are ready, basically demonstrating that in this situation we can not fail."

Bordeau said the union would help teaching assistants a great deal. With a larger bargaining unit teaching assistants salaries would come up to a uniform level, and the union would be able to negotiate for benefits for all.

Currently the pay and benefits of teaching assistants is decided on a department by department basis, with erratic variation as a result. Some TAs receive very little (Music TAs

currently get nothing) and some, such as Earth and Planetary Sciences TAs get more.

Earth and Planetary Sciences teaching assistant Andrew Bono said he and several other TAs in his department were skeptical about the new union. Bono was concerned that the equalizing effect of a union would result in TAs from his department losing money and benefits.

Bordeau said that while the lower paid TAs would get more, this did not mean that higher-paid TAs got less. He said the labour code protected against wage cuts when entering into a union.

Post-graduate Student society president and History TA Tamara Myers said she approved of the union.

"When I was vp university affairs last year I received a lot of complaints from TAs, but because of the decentralized nature of TAing no one could do much," said Myers. "The union would be one way of solving the problems of TAs."

Philosophy TA and Post-graduate vp university affairs Michael Temelini said it was high time for a union.

"McGill can not function without teaching assistants," said Temelini.

"We are employees, we aren't just students. We want McGill to recognize that fact and set up a legal relationship."

Temelini said he thought the union would be good for undergraduate education, because with better working conditions and a more controlled workload, TAs would be able to work better.

Temelini said the majority of McGill TAs were much worse off than their counterparts in Universities with TA unions.

"A union will bring us into line with the highest standards in Canada," said Temelini.

Bono complained about a lack of information.

"I don't think I've been given all the facts," said Bono. "I don't think people are being straightforward and honest."

Bordeau said the union organizing committee had worked hard to inform people.

"He (Bono) should have called one of us. Our phone numbers were available."

Bordeau added that the union organizing committee had made special efforts to speak with the Earth and Planetary Sciences students.

"We wanted to have a meeting

with them, but they called it off," said Bordeau.

Temelini agreed that Earth Sciences TAs' concerns were unfounded.

"I don't understand what they are talking about," said Temelini. Temelini said every prospective member of the new union had been sent an information package, and if any were missed it was because the list of TAs furnished by the university was not the final version.

"I personally went and spoke to them, so I don't know how they can complain about lack of information," said Temelini.

Bono said he had had no knowl-

edge of Bordeau's efforts to get in contact with Earth sciences students. Bono said meeting Temelini had aggravated rather than allayed his concerns.

If they approve the union in the referendum, the teaching assistants will have a general meeting to decide on their constitution, and the scheme by which they are represented.

The list of eligible voters will be posted on November 14th. Bordeau said the list will only include TAs and demonstrators working during the fall term. Polls will be open from 9h to 18h on the 24th, on the 25th from 9h to 21h and on the 26th from 9h to 18h.

General Assembly



today at 17h30 in Leacock 132
see page five. . .

Threats of violence at U of Toronto

BY VICKI PASTERNAK

TORONTO (CUP) — A male student was arrested at the U of Toronto Wednesday after allegedly threatening to shoot people in the Medical Science building.

Several students told U of T Police Wednesday morning that a man was making threats in their class.

The police found the man wandering the halls of the Medical Sciences building later that afternoon.

Police said the man was unarmed, and did not threaten any individuals in particular. He was charged with being a 'common nuisance' because police believe the suspect had caused the public to fear for its safety.

U of T Police Sergeant Len Paris said he believes the student is psychologically disturbed.

"He appeared to be experiencing a lot of stress and seemed disoriented," said Paris.

Personal safety officer Susan Addario said it is important to respond quickly to potentially dangerous situations.

"It's important to attack before an assault occurs when there has been prior notice of the problem."

U of T Police had encountered the man the day before when he made what Deputy Chief Lee McKergo called "a minor disturbance" at the U of T Athletic Centre. They did not arrest him at

that time.

Addario said it is difficult to achieve a balance between managing violence and intimidation and the rights of individuals.

"I'm really glad we're discussing these issues now and not waiting for a tragedy to bring the issues into sharp relief," she said.

Non-status refugees speechless

Refugee advocates say restricted access to English language training unfair

BY MELISSA SVENDSEN

VICTORIA (CUP) — Refugee advocates say the federal government's policy against teaching English as a second language to non-status refugees is unjust.

Diego Bevacqua, a counsellor with the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre, said people need English as a second language (ESL) training most urgently when they first arrive.

"If they don't get it," he said, "they adopt a certain style of life which doesn't require them to speak English — a style of life which confines them to the margins of society."

"If people don't get help, they may be out on the street, be forced to use food banks, and limited to part-time employment opportunities," said Bevacqua.

But Nadine Gomm, a program specialist at the B.C. Provincial Office of Immigration, said refugee

claimants are not given federally funded ESL training because the government doesn't know if they will be permanent residents of Canada.

"We recognize that knowledge of one of our official languages is a benefit [for immigrants] in integrating into Canadian society, and have committed two million dollars to language training over the next five years," she said.

"However, we do not feel that it is a benefit which we can provide to people whose claims have not yet been positively determined. If they are determined to be refugees, then we know they are staying."

"At that point they become eligible for a lot of things other immigrants are eligible for, such as language training."

But non-status refugee claimants' lack of English might affect the fairness of their hearings. Assigned lawyers when they arrive, they must usually communicate through translators, and are often

ill-equipped to evaluate those lawyers' abilities.

"While knowing French or English is an asset, we can't hold up the process [of evaluating refugee claims] while they learn English," Gomm said. "And we do have a commitment to provide them with accredited interpreters."

Advocates like Diego Bevacqua say that this is not enough. "People who come to Canada are our guests. We should endeavour to act like good hosts," he said.

"If the first impression [of Canada] refugees get is a negative one, that will have repercussions down the line."

"Part of working with refugees is selling them on our methods and social processes — our value systems," he said.

"English is the magic key that opens all the doors. When you speak English you have a voice, and when you have a voice you can start integrating yourself into society."

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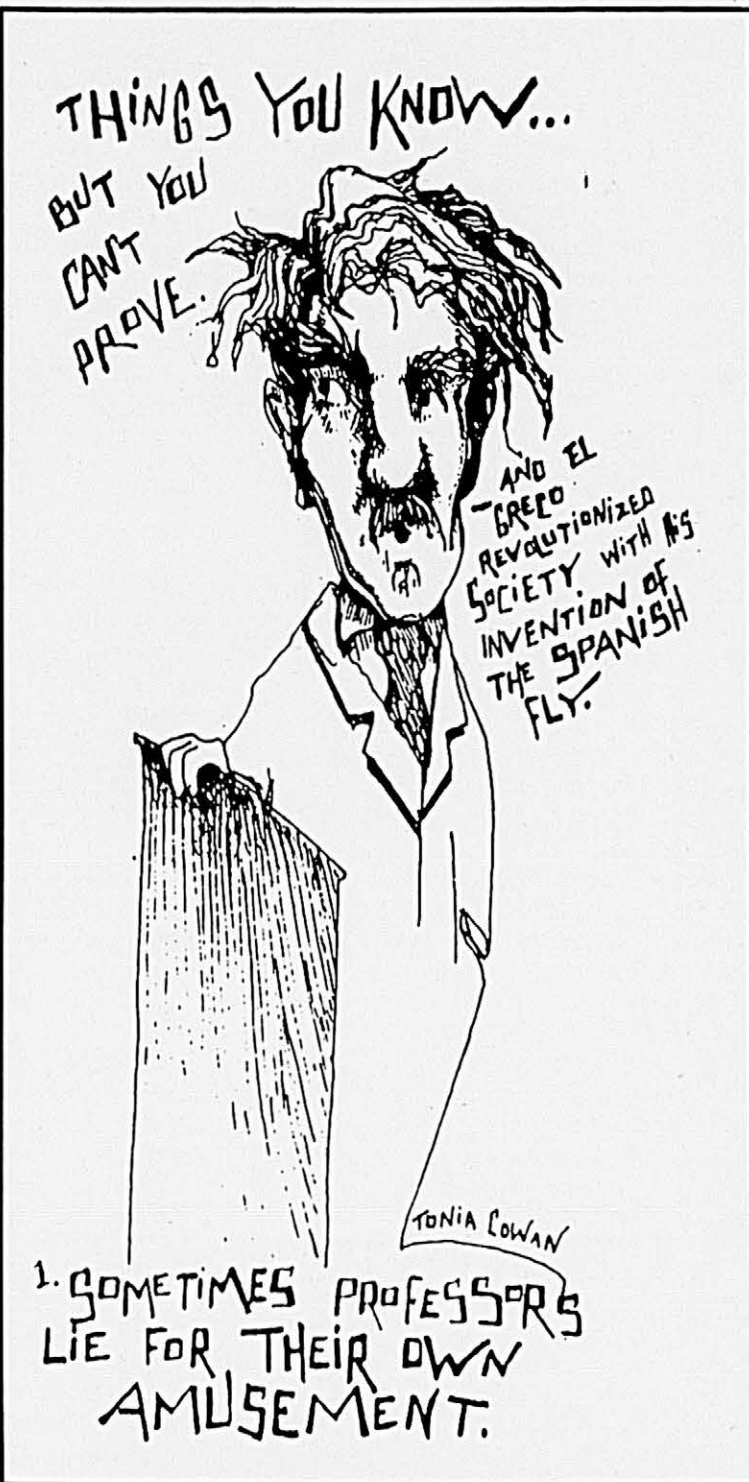
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events

The McGill Marketing Club is holding its 6th Annual Luncheon, "Global vs. Regional Marketing" on Friday. Tickets on sale in the Bronfman and Arts lobbies: \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

The McGill Chaplaincy Service presents Shulamis Yellin tonight at 20:00 at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer. Mr. Yellin will be telling stories in traditional Jewish style. Admission is \$2.00. For more information, please call 398-4104.



campus press briefs

UQAM debt rises slightly

L'Université du Québec à Montréal's (UQAM) total debt rose slightly to just over \$3 million at the end of the 1991-92 fiscal year. The rise came after a \$262 000 operating budget deficit this year, but is still a decrease from \$5.3 million debt in 1989.

Next year's budget calls for a \$514 000 surplus resulting in a total debt of \$2.5 million.

McGill's debt is estimated at \$78 million.

Source: L'UQAM

Director apologizes for offensive paper

A week after publishing a controversial special "sex issue", the director of *Polyscope*, the paper at the Polytechnique at the Université du Montréal, officially apologized in an editorial.

Many students at the Polytechnique claimed the issue was

sexist and degrading towards women. One graphic in the issue contained a picture of a man in sexual bliss and a woman looking very uncomfortable, with the caption: "If you're going to come you better not run."

The Polytechnique, the engineering school at U de M, is predominantly male.

The director, Mathieu Perreault, claimed that although he is responsible for the content of the paper, he didn't know what the final product was going to look like. He said that in the future the paper would seek to sensitise itself further to issues of sexism.

Source: *Polyscope*

Paper receives homophobic letter

The student paper at Cégep Maisonneuve received a hate mail letter directed at gays and lesbians at the Cégep last October 23.

The letter was addressed to the Gay and Lesbian Association of Maisonneuve, and said homosexuals were responsible for pedophilia. The letter was signed "the cat".

The paper refused to publish the letter.

Source: *Le Trait d'Union*

UQAM, good year

In an effort to raise money for student bursaries, UQAM's student aid department has selected a dry, aged, and delicate way of doing it.

In cooperation with the Société des Alcools, UQAM has introduced a new wine with the UQAM label on it. It will be sold in cafeterias around campus; white for \$9.55, red \$11.95. A dollar from each sale goes to a special bursary fund.

Creators of the project hope to sell 15 000 bottles.

Source: *Montréal Campus*

— Compiled by Dave Ley

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Questionnaire to evaluate awareness of campus sexual harassment



Pat Wells, sexual harassment assessor

BY FIONA MCCAW

The McGill administration is conducting a survey to gauge staff and student awareness of sexual harassment on campus. But some students are skeptical about how

helpful the survey will be.

"We want to know how sexual harassment is perceived by the McGill community," said sexual harassment assessor Pat Wells, who is in charge of the survey.

Wells said her office mailed the

survey to 8000 randomly selected people. The questionnaire was based on survey conducted by the University of Manitoba in 1987.

Wells said she had not consulted with student groups in deciding how to do the survey because of work which would be involved in creating an original questionnaire.

"Developing our own survey would take at least three years," said Wells. She said she had selected the Manitoba questionnaire because it was the result of extensive research.

Mary-Margaret Jones of the Sexual Assault centre said she found the survey inadequate because it was limited to quantifiable data, rather than emotional pressures faced by people dealing with sexual harassment.

"It doesn't take into account personal experiences," said Jones. "It doesn't even look at the consequences really faced by people in these situations."

Jones also objected to a question which asked where people went for help with sexual harassment complaints, but did not mention student-run facilities such as the sexual assault centre.

Fiona Deller, of the Walk Safe Network agreed with Jones, and

added that the university's money could have been better spent.

Deller said the information from the survey would only be useful for decisions regarding whether or not to have a sexual harassment education program, a decision the university has already made.

"They've already decided to do an education program," said Deller. "Why spend money on a survey? They've just spent thousands of dollars to pat themselves on the back."

Jones said the survey would have been more useful had it asked questions about problems with the procedure for filing sexual harassment grievances.

"They are not even asking whether or not this is a flawed procedure," said Jones.

Students' society vp university affairs Monique Shebbeare had similar misgivings about the effectiveness of the survey.

"It seems to me that it could be used as a good tool for an education program, but I don't think it will provide a comprehensive picture of how the policy is working now," said Shebbeare.

"It would be a useful exercise to do a survey on those people who have already gone through the process," she added.

Post-graduate students' society president Tamara Myers said she was pleased the survey was being conducted.

"It seems there is a recognition that there is a need for education," said Myers.

Wells said she was pleased with the number of forms which had been returned to her office.

"We've had a lot of responses so far," she said.

Wells told the *Daily* in April that the surveys would be mailed out over the summer. She said the delay was because of bureaucratic difficulties, and the amount of work the survey required.

Wells said she did not know when she would have the results of the survey. She said it took the University of Manitoba 18 months to tabulate their results.

The Board of Governors' Committee on the Regulations Concerning Complaints of Sexual Harassment will meet in early December. They will consider two student reports on the university's procedure for dealing with sexual harassment complaints at that time.

One of the reports, by Deller, outlines problems reported by students using the sexual harassment procedure. The other, by the McGill chapter of the national organization "Women in Law," will contain a legal evaluation of the procedure, and will make recommendations for amendments to the procedure.

Shebbeare said she is planning to propose a review of the sexual harassment procedure at the committee.

Myers said the Post-graduates society will decide at tonight's Post-graduate society council meeting whether or not to call for a review of the procedure.

Problems outlined in Deller's report include student difficulties in conforming to the one year time limit for reporting incidents of sexual harassment, difficulties relating to the dual role of sexual harassment assessors as councillor to the complainant and judge of the complaint, and a lack of written criteria for evidence admissible in sexual harassment cases.

Commission on Cégeps raises fear of fees



BY DAVE LEY

I'm so sorry parasites,
I mean, students.
The government
simply has no money.

The Québec government's parliamentary commission on Cégeps opens today amid student fear that the government may use it as an opportunity to impose tuition fees at the Cégep level.

The government called the commission this year, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the Cégep system, to investigate the role of Cégeps and problems of funding and accessibility.

But some fear that the commission comes too soon after the referendum. Québec student associations, working hard on the No side of the referendum, have had little time to prepare for the commission.

Representatives from l'Association Nationale des Étudiantes et Étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) have questioned whether the government has deliberately done this in order to catch the stu-

dent movement off guard.

"We asked the government for a postponement of the commission, as it comes too soon after the referendum," said Mario Paquet, a researcher for ANEEQ. "It's clear that their idea of a democratic debate is basically just to hear the executives of a bunch of groups that are interested. It's not to have the actual members of each group participate in the debate and put their input forward."

Paquet said that the government has structured the commission so that students have very little say in the process, and that the government may use the instability of the student movement to its advantage.

"I think it's clear for us that the intention of the government is to put tuition fees at the Cégep level," said Paquet.

A tentative agenda of the commission shows that out of 83 groups making presentations, only four include students.

In addition to ANEEQ speaking on the 19 of November, the Fédération Etudiante Collégiale du Québec (FECQ) will be speaking on Thursday (FECQ is the Cégep counterpart to the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) and together they constitute the rival provincial student association to ANEEQ).

Representatives from FECQ could not be reached for comment.

The student society at Université du Montréal will be speaking on November 25, and students from Cégep Vieux-Montréal will present on the 26, the last day of the commission.

A recent report by the graduate students' association at the Université du Sherbrooke states that "The declaration of the rights of man reminds each nation of their obligation to assure education for each of its citizens. For this reason the association supports the principle of free tuition at the Cégep level."

"Women Beware" posters spark controversy

BY SUSAN VIVIAN

Campus groups concerned with safety issues are at odds over a poster which appeared in the McGill Ghetto last week.

Bearing the slogan "women beware" in bold letters, the poster was put up by a group of individuals from Concordia University. It lists several acts of violence committed against women in the ghetto during the past few months.

Unfortunately, some women consider the poster intimidating and threatening.

"The way the poster is worded makes it come across as a threat rather than empowering women," said one ghetto resident who wished to remain anonymous. "The effect on me was terrifying and I'm already sensitized to the issue of violence against women, particularly in the ghetto."

The poster has also angered members of the Walk Safe Network and the Montréal Sexual Assault Centre because while both groups are mentioned on the poster, neither were consulted beforehand.

Fiona Deller of the Walk Safe

Network said her main concern is that people should know Walk Safe did not produce the poster. Deller fears that because the producers are mentioned nowhere on the poster, people will assume it was produced by Walk Safe.

"We try and distribute information, not scare people," said Deller. But she said Walk Safe does not want to get into a political argument over how to publicize the issue of violence.

"My main concern is that people feel comfortable using Walk Safe," said Deller.

Concordia student Natalie Seltzer, one of the people who produced the poster, said the poster was produced in a hurry with the intention of getting the word out to women as fast as possible.

"As people that live in the ghetto we felt more should be done to make people aware of the violence being committed there," she said. "Besides, it's the facts that are scary. The poster isn't what's going to harm women."

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comment

News Flash:

Perot to run for McGill presidency

TEXARKANA, TX (CUP)— Now that Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot has failed in his bid for the US presidency, he is planning a campaign to become Principal of McGill.

"Our children are the most precious resource we have. I lived the McGill dream, and I want to pass it on to our children. Next question," said Perot.

According to Perot, the first priority of his administration would be eliminating McGill's enormous deficit. "We've got to eliminate the 80 million dollar deficit by rebuilding the student base at McGill."

When asked how he would erase the deficit, Perot replied, "Originally, I planned to put a ten-cent per gallon per year gas tax in place. But since there aren't any gas stations on campus, we'll have to look at other options."

Perot then pulled out his checkbook and a bar graph. The bar graph showed the rapid increase in McGill's deficit.

When asked about the fact that he has no experience running a university, Perot said, "I don't have any experience running up an 80 million dollar deficit."

Perot also said in an hour-long commercial on CKUT, "David Johnston has said that he doesn't care whether McGill researches potato chips or computer chips. Let me tell you, potato chips and chickens are not the future of this university." The comment about the chickens apparently refers to the Students' Society.

Perot originally declared his intention to run for principal after he left the presidential campaign in July. But Perot re-entered the American election scene after he learned current McGill principal David Johnston was planning a smear campaign against members of his family.

"Johnston was planning to ruin my daughter's wedding," said Perot. "My family is very important to me."

Michael Rottmayer

Letters

To the Daily,

Well, no. Not just to the Daily. To everyone out there, who laments the death of Dailies of old. Dailies where people, nay, heroes with aliases such as "C. Doerksen, Visiting Student" would polarize the entire McGill community around a cause. With one simple letter (though of course, never with just one simple letter) such mighty individuals could bring an issue, however momentarily, into our minds.

We would stop and ponder — "What kind of spare time does this person have, to get so worked up about this?" And other people, with equal amounts of spare time, would become very excited and, before

long, all parties involved would be using up all of their collective spare time becoming more and more polarized. Soon, their issue would become a vortex, sucking in all those who happened its way.

So to you, Mike Fleischner, U3 Engineering, who so recently maligned my dishwashing skills on these very pages, I feel it necessary to respond to your totally unsubstantiated comment from the other side of the living room last night. I say to you —

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Don McGowan
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Power to the Communities!

by Jason Prince, SSMU president

Have you spent hours selling samosas outside of the Union Building, hoping to raise funds for your community project? Only raised \$23.93? Then read on...

If your project seeks to link McGill with the broader community, then up 'til now, you've been out of luck. The "Special Projects" and "Social Awareness Projects" funds of the Students' Society are restricted to on-campus activities. However, a new fund is currently being considered, and some funds have been made available for a trial period.

Here's the theory behind the fund.

In a 1991 constitutional referendum, the members of the Students' Society of McGill University, added

the following provision to the Purpose of the SSMU (Article 2.4):

"The Students' Society of McGill University is committed to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of, but not limited to, race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or social class."

To back up this commitment, the President of the Students' Society is donating \$2000 of his personal stipend towards student initiatives which further this commitment.

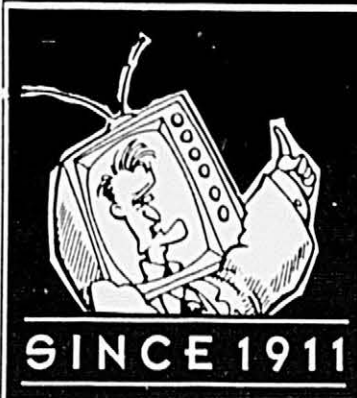
The Student Empowerment Fund will finance projects which involve McGill students working in and with the wider off-campus community. Grants from the Fund will

be awarded to projects, events or publications which are devoted to improving the situation of disadvantaged groups as envisaged in Article 2.4 of the SSMU Constitution.

Requests for funding should be presented to the President, who will forward them to a Selection Committee chaired by the President and currently composed of one student each from the disadvantaged groups represented by the following organizations: the Black Students' Network, the Women's Union, Access McGill and Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill.

Please submit grant requests, accompanied by a brief proposal outlining the project's purpose, plan of action, time-line, total budget, other sources of funding, and required subsidy from the Empowerment Fund.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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Read this please

Today is a special day. Today you have a unique opportunity to have a say in an institution which lives off your money, and which is supposed to represent you.

Today you can make policy decisions for Students' Society that will be binding for the rest of the year. You can mandate the Society to have referendums to change the constitution. You can even mandate them to abolish themselves if you want to. Today it's your choice, and you don't want anyone else to make it for you.

Students' Society runs the Union Building and almost all that goes on therein. The Society executives decide which clubs to fund and by how much, and they allot space in the building. They are in charge of services such as the health plan, and the contract for the cafeterias.

The Society executives also have a role outside the building as the body representing students to the university administration, and to the city, provincial and federal governments. They lobby the university for such things as the release of course evaluations, reform of the sexual harassment claims procedure, and effective student representation on administrative committees.

They lobby the government on issues concerning students, such as tuition and cost-saving matters such as lower bus fares.

The Students' Society has a say in a number of issues that affect your life. Now you have a say in what they do. This a marvelous feature of a system which is otherwise completely driven from the top down. But this opportunity for actual student democracy is only as good as you allow it to be.

Remember, if you don't go and make your voice heard today, someone else will. And you may not like the results.

Come to the General Assembly. Speak out. And vote.

Fiona McCaw

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WILL BE HELD TODAY IN
LEACOCK 132 AT 17H30. ALL
UNDERGRADS ARE WELCOME**

General Assembly workshop saga comes to an end

The final meeting of the Students' Society General Assembly workshop on student rights was held on Monday.

Motions on topics such as student safety and the creation of a new vp to deal with equity issues are on the agenda.

But the most hotly debated issue at the meeting was a proposed change in Society policy that would force the Students' Society to recognize fraternities.

The fraternities' club status was taken away in 1987 when the Society's Judicial Board decided that the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) violated the anti-discrimination clause of the Students' Society constitution. The Assembly does not have the power to change this section of the constitution, so the fraternities may not be recognized even if the changes go through.

Belinda Grondian and Eva Marlow, two representatives of the IFC, believe that the organization should be recognized because fraternities and sororities are significant actors in the McGill community. They emphasized that the IFC does not want office space or funding, only recognition of their existence.

"We want new students to be able to get in contact with us. We want visibility," said Marlow. "We feel that we could be a great help to McGill's philanthropic efforts. Blood drives, carnivals and fundraising are all possible."

Recognition by Students' Society would allow the IFC to use tables and rooms in the Union Building, as well as recruit new members at Activities Night.

"That's why they want recognition, so they can do membership drives and rallies in our building,"

BY SARAH BOWLES



Student society president Jason Prince

said Students' Society vp finance Susan Nickerson.

Society president Jason Prince added that he did not believe fraternities should be recognized.

"IFC is in effect a coalition of fraternities and sororities. Our concern is with the fact that sororities and fraternities discriminate on the basis of sex. They should not be recognized according to our policy," said Prince.

The proposed policy changes will not automatically recognize fraternities, but will open up the recognition process.

The changes would allow representatives of the club seeking status to be present at all Society hearings, force the Society to provide reasons for denial of club status in writing, and provide an appeal process.

Marlow thought that the changes would benefit all clubs seeking status with the Students' Society.

"It's now a closed meeting, no reasons are given for rejection," she said. "It's in the interests of the Students' Society's credibility, so people know exactly why something is rejected."

Also on the Assembly agenda is a motion for the Society to create a new vp equity to deal with equity issues within the university community.

Some people at the meeting questioned whether equity was a new concept, since the Society constitution already prohibits discrimination.

"I don't see equity as anything new. I want to keep this as simple as possible. People aren't going to understand if we get too technical," said Athletics rep to Council James Stewart.

Originally, the proposal would have only included racial and gender equality. But the motion was changed to include all groups mentioned in the affirmative action clause of the constitution.

The section refers to groups "disadvantaged because of... race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or social class."

Workshop co-ordinator Ted Runcie did not feel the motion went far enough.

"I'm disappointed in the equity issue. Instead of mandating the SSMU to deal with issues of equity in general, they proposed a vp who could choose their own agenda," he said.

Another motion to come out of workshop is to mandate the Society to be committed to the safety of all members of the McGill community. The proposal would force the Society to establish a committee to review safety issues, adopt sexual assault guidelines for Society staff and students, to submit and publicize all initiatives for the safety of all members of the McGill community, and to lobby for a periodic safety audit.

general assembly agenda

1) Be It Resolved That (BIRT) the SSMU is committed to the safety of all members of the McGill community.

Actions:

- establish a permanent committee of council to review safety issues
- draft and adopt sexual harassment guidelines for SSMU staff and students
- support and publicize all initiatives to improve the safety of all members of the McGill community
- monitor and report of the progress of the implementation of their recommendations of the safety audits.

2) BIRT the SSMU lobby the McGill Administration to implement a pass-fail option on elective courses.

3) WHEREAS In the past, SSMU has supported issues of broad social concern —

BIRT the SSMU continue to address issues of broad social concern.

Decisions will not be retroactive.

The workshop members wish to encourage students to bring resolutions which address issues of broad social concern to the General Assembly. If the above resolution passes, new items can be added to the agenda, with the permission of the Assembly.

4) BIRT the SSMU shall hold a referendum to decide on the addition to the Executive Committee of a vice-president in charge of equity issues affecting all underrepresented groups, as per Section 2.4 of the SSMU constitution.

Actions — in the interim, there be created within the portfolio of VP university affairs a committee to deal with issues of equity as per section 2.4 of the SSMU constitution.

5) BIRT the SSMU lobby the McGill Administration to allow for more flexible programs, such as joint majors that cross faculties.

6) BIRT the Students' Society work towards publishing a course evaluation handbook.

7) BIRT the Interest Group policy (Section 3, chapter IV), which lays out the process by which clubs are recognized and reviewed for funding, be changed to require:

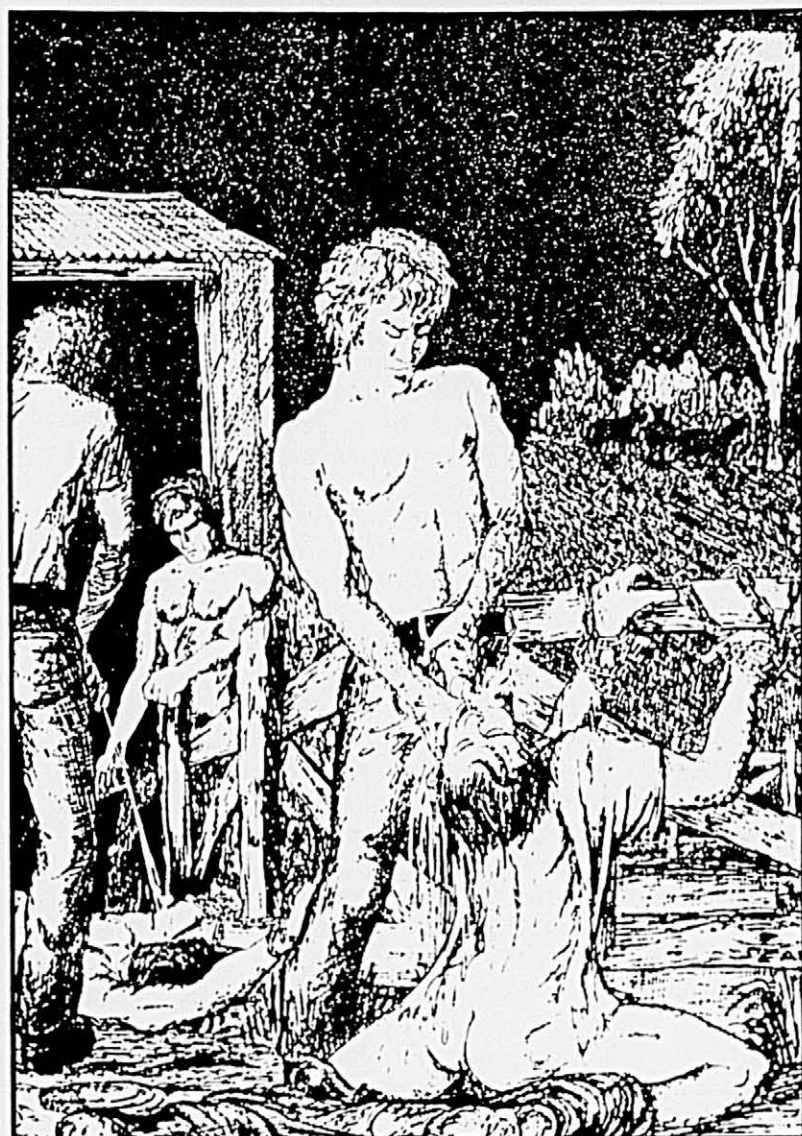
- the presence of representatives from the groups at all steps of the review process.
- that, if a club's request is rejected, the vp internal be required to provide a prompt written response, detailing the reasons
- a process for appeal, should a club's request be rejected.

Note — Like other meetings, the agenda of the General Assembly can be amended, and motions may be proposed from the floor during the course of the Assembly.

Regarding *A look at the world of Gay S&M* the leather scene

by
**James
Forbes**

Gay S+M, or the leather scene, is something most straights know nothing about. For that matter, it's something most gays know nothing about.



Last week, *The Daily* had the opportunity to interview two gentlemen quite integral to Montréal's leather scene. What ensued was a very surprising and unexpected conversation.

Levi DuJohn is the master, or the "S", and André Audet is the slave, or the "M", in their relationship. S stands for sadist, M for maso-

chist. In today's usage, these terms have come to signify rather negative, bleak aspects of the human psyche. In their original usage, they meant something altogether different.

Sadism is a term coined from the name of the Marquis de Sade, the author of erotic works that focused on the pleasure of psychological and physical domination of others.

Although he was eventually imprisoned for his writings, the Marquis' work remains as the measure by which the genre is judged.

Masochism derives from German writer Sacher-Masoch's last name and designates the psychological and physical need to be dominated, both psychologically and physically.

In the context of a relationship, each member plays a defined role. But as Audet and DuJohn made clear, it is not about repression, violence, fear or anger. It's more about pleasure and respect.

"This isn't something you just jump into," said DuJohn. "You have to trust the person you are with."

"Anybody who goes home with someone they don't know, and gets in to a heavy scene with him is just plain stupid," he said.

When talking about his role, Audet recalled his childhood.

"This is something I always fantasized about, I used to dream that I was tied to my bed having sex."

"Living this lifestyle is a personal choice you have to make, and it's not an easy one. You have to want to be in this position."

DuJohn expanded on his role. "Although I'm the master, I have been the slave. This is the role I like best, but no one can become a good master without first having been a good slave."

Sensitivity and Maturity

DuJohn likened the S+M dynamic to a kitchen, saying that to become a good chef, a person first has wash dishes and do menial work. "Like anything in life, you have to be good on the bottom to be good on the top," he said.

Audet said being a leatherman isn't easy. "People have their trips, and finding someone with the same trips as you, who can take you to your limits is very rare."

DuJohn agreed. "Everyone in the scene is looking for something different, whether it be bondage, ass play, scat or psychological degradation," he said. "Finding someone who can take you to your limits, but at the same time is satisfying their needs isn't easy."

Both DuJohn and Audet emphasized that nothing they do is to hurt each other.

"I don't like pain," said Audet. "This is about making love, not about brutality."

As DuJohn put it: "You're not looking to hurt someone, just looking to find someone who wants to be treated like a cared-for pet, someone to make you coffee in the morning and put your boots away at night."

And sex in the leather scene is quite safe, said DuJohn. Because AIDS decimated the

leather scene first, leathermen were quick to respond both responsively and effectively.

"In bondage today, there is never any exchange of bodily fluids," said DuJohn. "A trip may last 8 hours without actual sex taking place."

"Leathersex, while being extremely erotic, has managed to keep the thrill and excitement without the danger."

The feel and smell of leather

Being a leatherman is also a heavy financial investment, from the clothing to the equipment. While DuJohn and Audet stressed that uniform and its rigid codes are not essential, they ex-

plained that most leather men have a good deal of it. "People into this scene enjoy confinement and the feel and smell of leather."

The basic uniform, consisting of chaps, jock (leather or cloth), levis, armbands, jacket, boots and police cap can be supplemented by numerous variations and accessories.

"This stuff really isn't that important — the real leatherman wears his gear because he likes the feel more than the look," said DuJohn. "Leather's new popularity has meant a lot of people are wearing it like peacocks, only for the look."

The dungeon where the equipment is stored is usually decorated according to the owner's particular notions of how to re-create the atmosphere in a medieval torture chamber.

Audet and DuJohn are the owners of an extensive dungeon, in part accumulated through their regular shows at KOX, a gay bar on Ste. Catherine E. Their collection includes crosses, pillories, racks, chairs, and Frankenstein-like restraining boards.

"All of these devices were designed as erotic aids that allow an individual to explore the limits of bondage and sensory deprivation," said Audet.

The most unique and exiting device was a board equipped with metal restraints, rubber thigh boots and a plexiglass head piece. Audet explained that when the individual was secured, he would be hoisted into the air by means of a winch. The plexiglass cubicle is filled with oatmeal, effectively cutting off all exterior senses to the blindfolded, snorkeled subject.

Both Audet and DuJohn stressed that with this kind of operation, there is no margin for error. To quote the ubiquitous TV disclaimer: "These are trained professionals, do not attempt this at home."

If you are interested in learning more, drop by Cuir Plus in the Village on St. Catherine, or check out DuJohn's weekly shows at KOX, they're free, and well worth a look.

Glossary

Scene: General term used to describe a sexual encounter

Trip: An individual's particular fantasy

Scat: A trip involving shit play, enemas, coprophagy (eating shit) etc.

S: The master or dominant in a scene

M: The slave or submissive in a scene

Watersports: Pissplay, golden showers, drinking urine, urine enemas, etc.

Bondage: Physical confinement as restraint

Isolation: Physical confinement as sensory deprivation

Breath control: Partial suffocation to increase erotic stimulation

Peircing: The insertion of metal rings into various body parts to increase sensory awareness.

Scarification: The deliberate mutilation of body parts, primarily the skin for aesthetic and/or sensual effects

Fisting: The insertion of the hand or arm into the rectum

Ass play: General term used to denote any anal/sexual activity

Rimming/Anilingus: The insertion of the tongue into and around the anus

Mummification: complete enclosure in plaster, plastic, or rubber for sense dep

Note: Not all of these practises are safe sex. For more information, please consult the Daily disorientation guide, your handbook, or McGill health services.

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Student Solidarity hunger strike in West Bank over Israel responds to demands of Palestinian prisoners



BY CINDY REEVES

TORONTO (CUP) — Students at a West Bank university ended a solidarity hunger strike last week after Israeli authorities agreed to meet some demands of striking Palestinian prisoners.

Student Council member Eyad Al-Aloul said in a telephone interview that over 250 students at Ramallah's Birzeit University waged the strike in response to a call to

action by Palestinians inside Israeli prisons.

Birzeit students are no strangers to hardship themselves. In the last decade, their university has been closed by military order an estimated 60 per cent of the time. The longest closure, lasting from January 1988 to April 1992, followed the start of the Intifada uprising against the

Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem.

Nader Khateeb, another Birzeit student, was not surprised that the student council opted to strike.

"Many students used to be prisoners and some have relatives in prison — brothers, fathers, cousins," Khateeb said. "All Palestinians are one family. If something is wrong with your brother, you are going to do your best to help him."

Currently, there are 55 Birzeit

students and staff in Israeli prisons and detention centres.

Students, staff and faculty have also been deported.

Amongst those deported are university president Hanna Nasir and student council president Marwan Barghouti. The university believes Nasir was targeted as a Palestinian community leader.

Barghouti was targeted for his public activities as a representative of Birzeit students. Authorities cited lists of speeches given by Barghouti at various public occasions as the reason for his deportation.

Many human rights organizations have documented the torture and ill-treatment of Palestinian detainees held in Israeli prisons and detention camps, including Amnesty International, Israel's B'Tselem, Jerusalem's Mandela Institute for Prisoners, the Palestine Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC), a branch of the Arab Studies Society in Jerusalem, and Al Haq, the West Bank affiliate of the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists.

According to PHRIC, at least 120 000 Palestinians have been de-

tained for more than 24 hours since the beginning of the Intifada. Of these, 15 000 were held without charges or trial and 11 died while under interrogation.

The 18 day hunger strike by prisoners and students resulted in some gains, according to PHRIC. They include —

- an increase in family visit time (from 30 minutes every two weeks to 45 minutes) and permission for prisoners to hug and kiss their small children

- permission to continue education within prison

- approval of the transfer of prisoners to sites close to their homes (many prisoners from the Occupied Territories have been illegally transferred to prisons in Israel where it is difficult for their families to visit them)

- the establishment of a review board to study the status of the isolation prisoners every six months

- approval for a permanent female physician for the women's prison (Muslim women have complained that male physicians have humiliated them by not respecting cultural restrictions).

Some of the prisoners' demands are still under negotiation such as the granting of the right of prisoners to celebrate national and religious holidays without threat or use of force, a request to release old and ailing prisoners, and the closure of an underground punishment section.

Many requests were refused outright, including an end to the policy of long periods of solitary confinement, the removal of shackles during visits, the provision of dining facilities and permission for prisoners to telephone their families once a week.

It is still unclear as to whether all prisoners have ended hunger strikes. Some sources say there still may be hunger strikers in some of the facilities.

According to Khateeb, there may be more strikes in the future.

"If the promises made by the prison's administration are not met than of course the only means to achieve these goals is through a hunger strike. This is the only means of struggle prisoners have. And Birzeit may start another solidarity strike also," he said.

first nations briefs

Land claims commission established in B.C.

Vancouver (CUP) — A British Columbia treaty commission was struck in late September to deal with First Nations land claims.

An agreement to establish the commission was signed on September 21 before a crowd of about 1000 First Nations members. In attendance were Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt.

After the signing, host Willie Seymour, chief of the Chemanius band, said, "The Premier and the Prime Minister didn't read the fine print. They just turned the country back over to us!"

European settlers in British Columbia made no treaties with natives, so the 30 nations with land claims pending say together they still have rights to almost all of B.C.

The commission will be made up of First Nations people and representatives of the federal and provincial governments. It will oversee the negotiation of treaties throughout B.C. According to the agreement, all land claims will be negotiated by the year 2000.

Such speedy federal and provincial cooperation over First Nations land rights claims is unprecedented.

Heading for law school

Vancouver (CUP) — The number of First Nations students entering law school at the University of B.C. soared to a new high this year.

There are 21 new Native stu-

dents, compared to 13 last year.

"The program is attracting younger students," said UBC Native law department director John Burrows. "In the past it would just attract the leaders of the nations."

The admission process for Natives is more "discretionary" than for other students and is handled separately, he said, citing cultural differences.

"First Nations people often come from an oral tradition. When you talk to them, they have a great grasp of the topic. But it may not be reflected in written work."

Still, intolerance of First Nations Peoples is prevalent at the law school, said Burrows.

"People are not racially sensitive. There's a certain amount of discomfort in being Native in a non-Native environment. It's integrated and subtle."

Métis win resource control

Windspeaker — Alberta Métis have gained some control over oil and gas developments on their eight settlements.

The new agreement follows a two-year moratorium on new developments to allow the communities and the government to negotiate the shared-management agreement.

The Métis communities now have the right to royalties from developments and to set conditions for employment and environmental policies.

Though demand for oil and gas drilling leases has dropped, Randall Hardy, chair of the Métis settlements access committee, said in the future this would give communities important revenue.

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